

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 23, 2020  
**TIME:** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Maryland Department of Health  
Secretary’s Conference Room  
201 W. Preston Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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**AGENDA**

- I. Departmental Report
- II. State of Emergency Update – Medicaid Waivers – Tricia Roddy
- III. HealthChoice Quality – Monchel Pridget
- IV. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Adjournment

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**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**March 23, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Jessica Dickerson  
Ms. Shannon Hall  
Mr. Floyd Hartley  
Ms. Vickie Walters  
Ms. Linda Dietsch  
Ms. Maansi Raswant  
Rachel Dodge, M.D.  
Winifred Booker, D.D.S  
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D  
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
Mr. Kenneth Garove  
Ms. Marie McLendon  
Kathryn Fiddler, DNP  
Ms. Robin Moore  
The Hon. Pat Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

The Hon. Antonio Hayes  
Ms. Anna Sierra  
The Hon. Matthew Morgan  
Ms. Nicole McCann  
Mr. Isabella Firth  
Mr. Vincent DeMarco  
Mr. Ben Steffen  
Mr. William Webb  
Ms. Karen Williams

## **Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee**

**March 23, 2020**

### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Vickie Walters, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 1:05 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting as written. The February 24, 2020 meeting was cancelled. Ms. Suzanne Schlattman attended the meeting for Mr. Vincent DeMarco and Ms. Megan Renfrew attended for Mr. Ben Steffen.

### **Departmental Report**

Tricia Roddy, Director, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, reported that the Governor is getting executive orders out daily and the Department is making guidance changes accordingly. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has stated they will work with states during this difficult time. With the Maryland 1135 waiver, states can implement changes immediately while they wait for federal authority (see attached presentation).

### **Annual Lead Report**

Mr. Clifford Mitchell, Director, Environmental Health Bureau, provided the Committee with an overview of the annual lead report. The Department continues to see progress in the lead prevention Program 2 that provides environmental case management and in-home education programs to reduce the impact of lead poisoning and asthma on low-income children. The program is conducted by local health departments in 9 jurisdictions who are working with families in their area affected by lead.

The Department is working on lead abatement with the Department of Housing and Community Development. We continue to see the spending rate increase coming close to utilizing the allotted funds to abate lead in homes. The complexity of properties is increasing and challenging but unprecedented lead abatement is getting completed.

Other states are submitting requests to learn more about our Program 2 and how they can replicate the program in their states. The Department is working on increasing the adoption of Point of Care lead testing for children across the entire state. In accordance with HB 1233, passed during the 2019 legislative session, the Department is working with the Maryland Department of the Environment to lower the legal lead limit in children. We are also looking at the rate and amount of testing, the rate of children being identified and the impact to reduce lead poisoning in the state.

Last year's data showed we continued to identify more children outside of Baltimore City compared to within which is a continuing trend. There are a significant number of children in

the Metropolitan DC area who have some lead paint exposure that appears to be from other sources.

The Department will be conducting five continuing medical education (CME) events across the state this year with the American Academy of Pediatrics that will focus on lead, lead testing and the ability to access Programs 1 and 2.

The State continues to make progress and have an innovative approach with the Health Services Initiative state plan amendment. We will continue to look at increasing lead testing and the changes in lead testing and conduct outreach where we haven't seen significant lead testing. We aim to improve data sharing in Program 2 to integrate information providers are doing to improve medical management.

### **Medicaid Legislative Wrap Up**

Mr. Chris Coats, Health Policy Analyst, Office of Innovation, Research and Development, informed the Committee that the abbreviated legislation session ended on March 18, 2020 on an emergency basis due to the COVID-19 crisis. There were over 200 bills referred to the Department for review this session. Bills reviewed during today's meeting are bills that passed (see attached handout).

### **Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes**

Ms. Molly Marra, Director, Medicaid Provider Services, gave the Committee a status update on waivers, regulations and state plan amendment changes.

### **Regulations**

Medical Day Care – in final action to increase rate.

Home and Community Based Services – for children with brain injury and children with Autism are moving through the process.

HealthChoice Program – changes to remove HIV drugs from list of non-capitated covered services. Notice of final action should be published soon.

Behavioral Health Services for Children, Youth, and Families – in final action to increase rate.

Specialty Mental Health – bring regulations into compliance with legislation.

**State Plan Amendments** (SPAs) – Clean up SPA for drug authorization.

**Waivers** – No changes.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Stephen Novis of Viiv Healthcare gave public comments on MCO and fee-for-service formularies.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Walters adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.